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Sir:

We, Anuj Chauhan, Ph.D. and Derya Gulsen, Ph.D. do hereby make the following declaration:

- 1) Anuj Chauhan, Ph.D. is currently a Professor in the department of chemical engineering at the University of Florida. Before joining the University of Florida, Anuj Chauhan conducted post doctoral research at the University of California at Berkeley and obtained the undergraduate degree in chemical engineering in 1993 from Indian institute of Technology in Delhi, India, which is arguably the most prestigious school in India. Anuj Chauhan obtained the doctoral degree in chemical engineering from the City University of New York in 1998. Most of Dr. Chauhan's research focuses on fluid mechanics and interfacial phenomena in biomedical systems. He has published more than 60 papers and presented more than sixty papers at various national and international conferences. His research has been cited both in peer reviewed journals and in popular press including Readers Digest, Discover, CNN Headline News, etc. The research on ophthalmic drug delivery by contact lenses was cited as a Medical Breakthrough of the year by Readers Digest. Dr. Chauhan reviews papers for the most prestigious journals such as the Journal of Fluid Mechanics, Physics of Fluids, Langmuir, Journal of Colloids and Interface Science, etc., and organize sessions and symposiums at some of the most prestigious national conferences in chemical engineering such as the AIChE and the ACS conferences. Dr. Chauhan's research focuses on the areas of fundamental as well as societal impact, such as drug delivery, drug detoxification, DNA separation, etc. and his research is being supported by